(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 19.65 lakhs during 1997-98 to the Government of Gujarat for the development of tourist facilities at Dholavira.

Dual tariff in Hotels

2431. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a system of Dual Tariff in Hotels in India;

(b) if so, the total number of hotels which practice "Dual Tariff";

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any study or survey on the likely impact of removing "Dual Tariff" system;

(d) if so, the agency which will conduct this study; and

(e) the time frame to submit the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 40 hotels, out of the 1160 approved hotels.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, the Hotel Association of India had discussions with Dr. Raja J. Chelliah, Chairman, National Institute of Public Finance Policy to undertake the above study.

M. Yunus Committee on Tourism

2432. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the report of M. Yunus Committee on Tourism;

(b) whether it is a fact that the report has not been implemented fully; and

(c) what steps are proposed to review the progress in implementing the principle recommendation of M. Yunus Committee on Tourism of 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Mohammad Yunus Committee report recommended a number of measures for ensuring accelerated growth of tourism in the country. The Government implemented the recommendations by:

- Setting up the Tourism Finance Corporation of India for financing tourism projects.
- A Package of incentives was made available to Private Sector.
- The travel circuit concept was Adopted to maximise the benefits from limited Resources.
- Tourism products were diversified.
- New offices have been opened in new tourism generating markets.
- India Convention Promotion Bureau was set up for the promotion of conferences and conventions.
- The Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management as an apex body was set up to train manpower in the tourism sector.
- The Policy to introduce air charters to the country was introduced.
- Eco-Tourism guidelines have been worked out and adventure tourism activities have been developed in the country.

Operation of Tourism Development Council

2433. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any tourism development council in operation;

(b) if so, the details of membership of such a body;

(c) the number of Government nominees on this body;

(d) the recommendations of this body with regard to Dual Princing Policy with regard to hotel accommodation for foreign tourists; and

(e) the details of Government's stand and the hotel's managements, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Interaction between D.G. Tourism and Tourist Associations

2434. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regular interaction between the Director General of Tourism and various hotel and Tourist Associations;

(b) if so, the format of such interactions;

(c) whether there is a stipulated frequency of such meetings; and

(d) the details of such meetings and the membership of such meetings, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Hotel Association of India, Travel Agents Association of India, Indian Tourist Transporters Association and Indian Association of Tour Operators frequently meet Director General of Tourism and other Senior Officers of the Ministry of Tourism to discuss various matters related to the Tourism Industry from time to time. Senior officers of the Ministry also attend Annual Conventions of the above Associations.

Master Plan on Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

2435. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to share the cost of preparing the tourism master plans for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam and Nagarjuna Sagar, and

(b) if so, by when it would be finalised and the response of Tourism Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of of paucity of funds to carry out surveys and studies, the Ministry of Tourism is not in a position to provide assistance to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore as requested by the State Government for the purpose. The World Tourism Organisation has included the preparation of Tourism Master Plan for Andhra Pradesh in their work programme for the year 1998-99.

विदेशी पर्यटकों के लिए सुविधाओं की कमी

2436. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने भारत की यात्रा की;

(ख) क्या यहां पेयजल तथा सुविधाओं का अभाव और ठहरने के स्थान की कमी है जबकि गंदगी और धोखा-धड़ी भारत के अधिकतर पर्यटक स्थलों पर एक आम बात है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा पर्यटक स्थलों को सुंदर बनाने और वहां सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत की यात्रा करने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की कुल संख्या निम्न प्रकार से है:—

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1995	2123683
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1997	2374094

(ख) यह सत्य है कि भारत के कई पर्यटक स्थलों में सुविधाएं अपर्याप्त हैं।

(ग) सरकार ने स्मारकों/हेरिटेज स्थलों के सौन्दर्यीकरण हेतु योजनाएं प्रारम्भ की है जिनमें भू-दृश्यांकन, प्रदीप्तिकरण, पार्किंग क्षेत्र और पेय जल, कैफेटेरिया तथा शौचालय जैसी सुविधाएं सम्मिलित हैं।